

The thesis called The position of chaplains and their work conditions in health care facilities deals with the issue of spiritual care in health care facilities. It describes in detail the providers of this service D hospital chaplains D and their position and work position in hospitals. The paper is divided into six chapters. The first chapter deals with the spiritual care in a general way, describes the personality of chaplains and outlines health care facilities situation. The second part mentions qualification requirements of hospital chaplains and describes the system of education both in the Czech Republic and abroad. The third chapter focuses on the position of hospital chaplains, the conditions of their work in hospitals and compares the situation in the Czech Republic with the one abroad. The following part describes a so called multidisciplinary hospital team and its course of cooperation. Part five deals with religious discussion and the most frequent patient topics encountered by hospital chaplains. The concluding chapter then deals with the issue of ecumenism and records the cooperation of clergymen from individual hospitals with local Churches.